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SRI S. C. C. ANTHONY PILLAI :—" From the question, it is clear that the award was given on the 25th May 1953. Very nearly ten months have elapsed since that date and yet, we are surprised to hear from the Hon. Minister that the question of prosecuting the particular Press is under the consideration of the Government. Will the Government give us an assurance that they will not take another twelve months to consider this matter?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Sir, there are factors which prevent the Government from taking any action. How can I give an assurance of the sort asked for by the hon. Member? I hope that if the points which prevent the implementation of the award are solved, the Government will immediately proceed in the matter."

Opening of a channel on the right side of the South Pennar.

* 493 *Q.*—SRI K. PARTHASARATHY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal for opening a channel on the right side of the South Pennar river under the Sathanur Scheme;

(*b*) whether any investigation has been made; and

(*c*) if so, with what result?

THE HON RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) to (*c*) A suggestion for the investigation of a channel on the right side of the proposed Sathanur Reservoir Project is under consideration."

Increase in the salary of elementary school teachers.

* 494 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether school teachers are entitled to be paid enhanced salaries under the new Elementary Education Scheme?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The Expert Committee on the Modified Scheme has recommended that, within the limits of finance, the best that is possible should be done to give an appropriate increment in the salary of elementary school teachers. The matter is under consideration. I may also bring to the notice of the hon. Member the announcement I made recently with reference to the salary of elementary school teachers."

MR. SPEAKER :—" We can take up the next question also."

* 495 *Q.*—SRI M. DHARMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state— 10-50 a.m.

(*a*) whether the recommendation of the Expert Committee garding the increase of pay of elementary school teachers has been accepted by the Government;

(*b*) if so, the revised scales of pay;

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(c) the additional amount estimated to be spent because of the revised scales of pay; and

(d) the date from which this will take effect?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) to (d) The matter is under the consideration of the Government."

MR. SPEAKER :—" This question came up before the House a number of times."

SRI N. K. PALANISAMI :—" ஒரே கிரேடிலுள்ள உபாத்தியாயர்களுக்கு லோகல் போர்டு பள்ளிகளில் வேலை செய்தால் ஒருவித சம்பள விகிதமும், மானேஜ்மெண்ட் பள்ளிகளில் வேலை செய்தால்வேறு ஒரு சம்பள விகிதமும் வழங்கப்படுகிறது. புதிய கல்வித் திட்டத்தின் கீழ் உபாத்தியாயர்கள் அதிகமான நேரம் வேலை செய்யவேண்டியிருப்பதால் சர்க்கார் பள்ளிகளில் வேலை செய்யும் உபாத்தியாயர்களுக்குக் கொடுக்கப்படும் சம்பளத்தினுடைய அளவுக்காவது இவர்களுடைய சம்பளத்தையும் உயர்த்துவார்களா ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I wish the hon. Member makes the calculation with reference to his proposal. Then, he will see that it is not possible to implement his proposal."

SRI V. GOPALA GOUNDER :—" I heard the Hon. Minister saying that this concession was allowed only to aided elementary school teachers. May I request the Government to see that this concession is extended even to teachers employed under local boards and municipalities? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Now, aided elementary school teachers are brought on a par with the local board school teachers. So, there is no question of extending the same concession to the teachers employed under the local boards."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" The Hon. Minister was just now saying that aided elementary school teachers are brought on a par with local board and municipal elementary school teachers. But it is not a fact, because the time-scale of increment allowed to the aided elementary school teachers is eight annas whereas in the other case, it is one rupee per year. But that was not the question I wanted to ask. It is only a correction that I want to make. Now, as the work-load for teachers has been increased by about 70 per cent on account of the introduction of the Modified Scheme of Elementary Education, does not the Hon. Minister see that at least by 70 per cent there should be an increase in their basic pay? If so, may I know whether steps will be taken for that purpose? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I do not know how the hon. Member has arrived at this figure of 70 per cent. As a matter of fact, elementary school teachers were working for five hours a day and they are now asked to work for six hours a day. The number of working days in a year is

not increased; it remains at 220. Therefore, under no circumstances, it can be 70 per cent increase in the work-load. But, apart from that, simply because there is some increase of work, it does not mean that there should be a proportionate increase of pay also. The question of increase of pay stands on a different footing altogether. We have to meet at least certain of their minimum requirements. It is only on that basis that I am considering the question."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Regarding higher grade teachers, their starting pay is Rs. 30. At the present moment, the management is made to pay Rs. 3 as their contribution and Rs. 27 is paid by the Government as teaching grant. So, the present position is that the teachers are paid Rs. 27 by way of teaching grant *plus* Rs. 3 by the managers. Recently, the Hon. Minister announced that three more rupees would be paid to the teachers. Does this exclude what is paid by the managers or does this include it? Will there be Rs. 33 paid to these teachers in future or will this increase preclude the managers from paying their contribution of Rs. 3? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" No management is paying that Rs. 3 now. As a matter of fact, the scale of pay starts only at Rs. 27. Now, we have made it Rs. 30."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" உபாத்தியாயர்கள் அதிக நேரம் வேலை செய்யவில்லை என்று கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் சொன்னார்கள். ஏற்கெனவே ஐந்து மணி நேரம் வேலை செய்துகொண்டிருந்தால், புதிய கல்வித்திட்டத்தின் பிரகாரம் ஆறு மணி நேரம் வேலை செய்கின்றார்கள். தினத்திற்கு ஒரு மணி நேரம் அதிகமாக உபாத்தியாய்ர்கள் வேலை செய்கிறார்கள். ஆகவே, வருஷத்திற்கு 42 தினங்கள்வரை அதிமாக வேலை செய்கிறார்கள். நாட்களில் வித்தியாசம இல்லாவிட்டாலும் தினம் ஒரு மணி அதிகமாக வேலை செய்தவன் மூலம் வருஷத்திறகு 42 தினங்கள்வரை அதிகமாக வேலை செய்யவேண்டிய நிர்ப்பந்தத்தில் இருக்கிறார்கள். இதுவும்தவிர, பள்ளிக்கூடததிறகு வராத பிள்ளைகளைப்போய் அழைத்துக்கொண்டுவர வேண்டிய வேலையும் உபார்த்தியாயகளுக்கு இருப்பதால், அதற்குத் தக்கமுறையில் அவர்களுடைய சம்பளத்தை உயர்த்துவதற்கு சர்க்கார் முன்வருவார்களா ? தினம் ஒரு மணி அதிக நேரம் வேலை செய்வதால், இப்பொழுது அவர்களுக்குக் கொடுக்கும் சம்பள விகிதத்தின் அடிப்படையிலாவது சம்பளம் உயர்த்தப்படுமா என்று அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்." 10-50 a.m.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I have already stated in answer to another question that there could be no increase in their pay in proportion to the increase in work. It has to be considered on a different basis altogether."

Loss sustained on account of the Government Cinchona department, Ootacamund.

* 496 *Q*.—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state the amount of loss, if any, sustained by the Government on account of the Government Cinchona department, Ootacamund, during 1952–53?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The pro-forma accounts of the Government Cinchona Department closed with a net loss of Rs. 3,26,345–15–6."